tries during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 upto December, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). There is no such category as' centrally sponsored industries'.

Lossees in IDPL

5594. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited is incurring heavy losses for the last two years;

(b) whether the undertaking and no funds for the payment of salary to their officers/ staff working in the organisation;

(c) whether some profit making Public Sector Undertakings paid a huge amount to IDPL for payment of salary to its staff;

(d) the terms of refunding the huge amount to those PSUs; and

(e) the steps taken to save Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited from the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited has been incurring losses for past several years. The net loss incurred by the company was Rs. 42.74 crores in 1989-90 and Rs. 88.26 crores in 1990-91.

(b) No, Sir. The salaries of employees are paid despite working capital and other financial constraints.

(c) to (e). An inter corporate loan of Rs. 5 crores was given by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited to Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited recently. The loan given in two equal instalments is re-payable on expiry of two years. The loan bears interest as well as a provision for penal interest. The package for improvement in the performance of IDPL would involve stepping up of capacity utilisation, emphasis on higher sales, exports, increase in efficiencies by savings on services and utilities, cost reduction, improvement in the system of collection of outstanding dues and voluntary retirement schemes etc. It would also involve heavy investments, write-off of Government loans and funds for working capital.

HMT Unit in Mandya, Karnataka

5595. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up any H. M. T. Unit at Mandya, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) HMT has planned for growth through technological upgradation and productivity in the existing units and does not plan set up any new unit for the persent.

Increase in the Price of Coal

5596. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial

Costs and Prices has since worked out a new formula for increasing the price of Coal from time to time.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the price of Coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The previous reported of Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices (BICP) in respect of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited were received in 1987 and 1988 respectively. There-after Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has not yet worked out a new formula for increasing the price of coal from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration at present to increase the price of coal.

(d) Does not arise.

Central Investment in Backward Districts of Kerala

5597. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central Investment made in the backward districts of Kerala for the development of industries during 1990-91;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala in this regard for the industrial development of backward districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

DPAP in Orissa

5598. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has sent a proposal to include the nine blocks of Bolangir district in DPAP and its implementations in Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal for inclusion of 10 more blocks of Bolangir district in DPAP.

(b) It has been decided to continue DPAP as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the present coverage.

Appointment to Sports Persons

5599. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of sports persons given jobs in various departments of the Government during each of the last three years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The instructions issued by the Government for appointment of meri-